

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As an independent producer of documentaries, I am well aware that the multiplicity of cable channels does not in itself ensure a true diversity of viewpoints on-air. Ownership caps are a key part of maintaining and fostering an open marketplace of ideas, which is an indispensable component of true democracy.